

## **IC 27-8-24.7**

### **Chapter 24.7. Referrals to Women's Health Care Providers**

#### **IC 27-8-24.7-1**

##### **"Health insurance policy" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "health insurance policy" means any individual or group accident and sickness policy, contract, subscriber agreement, rider, endorsement, or any contract providing for the delivery of health care benefits, delivered or issued for delivery in Indiana after June 30, 1996, by any of the following:

- (1) An insurer.
- (2) A fraternal benefit society.
- (3) A nonprofit corporation.
- (4) A health maintenance organization (as defined in IC 27-13-1-19).
- (5) A preferred provider arrangement under IC 27-8-11.

*As added by P.L.192-1996, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 27-8-24.7-2**

##### **"Health insurer" defined**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "health insurer" means an entity referred to in section 1 of this chapter that issues, delivers, or renews a health insurance policy.

*As added by P.L.192-1996, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 27-8-24.7-3**

##### **"Insured" defined**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "insured" means an individual who is entitled to the benefits provided by a health insurance policy. The term includes the following:

- (1) A policyholder of an individual health insurance policy.
- (2) A member of the group covered by a group health insurance policy.
- (3) A female who is entitled to coverage under a health insurance policy as a spouse or dependent of an individual referred to in subdivision (1) or (2).

*As added by P.L.192-1996, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 27-8-24.7-4**

##### **"Women's health care provider" defined**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "women's health care provider" means a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 who specializes in the provision of obstetric or gynecological services.

*As added by P.L.192-1996, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 27-8-24.7-5**

##### **Designation of women's health care provider as primary care provider**

Sec. 5. Under a health insurance policy that is issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in Indiana, an organization or

arrangement described in section 1(1) through 1(5) of this chapter may not refuse to designate a women's health care provider as an insured's primary care provider if the women's health care provider meets the terms and conditions for participation established by an organization or arrangement described in section 1(1) through 1(5) of this chapter under an insurance policy as a primary care physician solely because the individual physician specializes in the provision of obstetric or gynecological services.

*As added by P.L.192-1996, SEC.2.*